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1. Japanese Patent Application No. 2-142247 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 3 of the specification of the present application.

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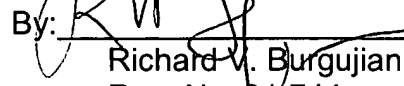
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